



State Education: THE ROAD AHEAD

PV 2023
ANNUAL REPORT

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2023 Annual Report

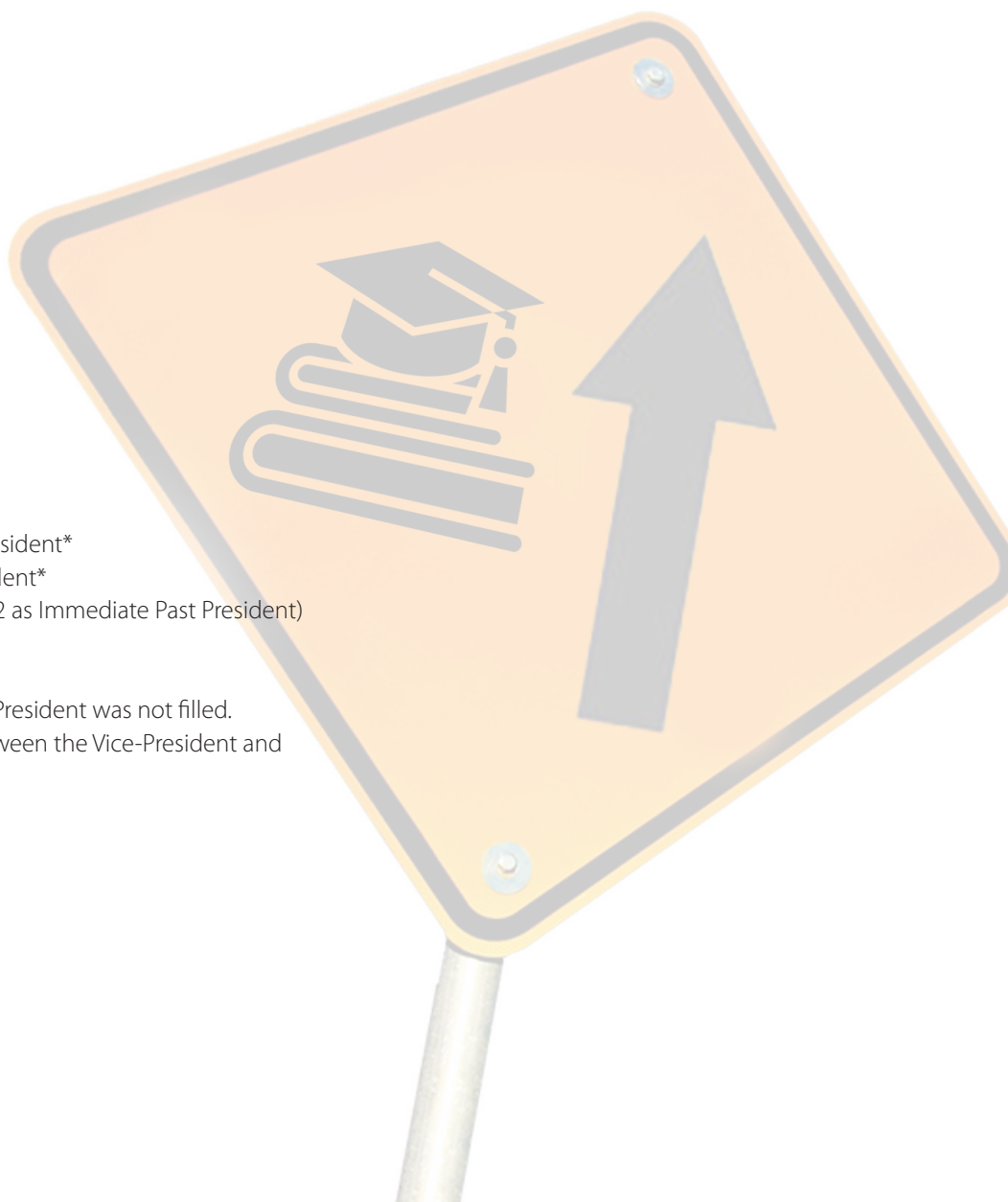


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Ms Tooba Awais (2022-current)

*Note: During 2008-2010 the position of President was not filled.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parents Victoria (PV) is committed to representing parents in discussions and decisions with the Victorian government, schools, and the media, recognizing the challenges of achieving fairness for all.

PV and education stakeholders stress the need for fairer funding in public education, and Federal Minister for Education, Jason Clare, established an expert panel to advise on this issue. PV advocates for parents and students to be actively included in these discussions through a Ministerial Reference Group. PV is pleased our national body has a representative on that reference group, Dianne Giblin AM, CEO, Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO). Fairer funding would alleviate pressure on school leaders, who currently grapple with staffing decisions and budget allocation.

PV highlights the rising conflicts between parents and school staff and emphasizes the importance of quality parent-school relationships through our work with John Hendry's OAM - Relationship based Education (RbE) initiative - to create the best educational experience for children. PV's message, "Think, Wait, Communicate," promotes responsible communication in the age of social media. PV offers support to parents to navigate school policies and protocols and encourages respectful communication and understanding between families and school employees, ultimately aiming for harmonious learning environments in state schools.

New School Year

The 2023 school year commenced with significant changes and developments in Victoria's education landscape. Here are some key highlights:

New Senior Secondary Qualifications: This year, Victorian secondary schools introduced the 2-year VCE Vocational Major (VM) Certificate, representing a major shift in senior secondary education with the aim to better connect school, study, and work while providing students with improved access to vocational education and applied learning opportunities. School leaders played a crucial role in facilitating this transition.

Teacher Shortage: Ensuring the long-term sustainability of the teaching workforce was a top priority for 2023. The Schools Workforce Group, established in 2022, implemented various initiatives to increase the supply and retention of teachers. Many schools have successfully filled vacancies, helping them start the new school year fully staffed.

Change of Name and Responsibility: The Department of Education underwent a name change to "Department of Education," with expanded responsibilities, including Early Childhood and Pre-Prep education. This change aligns with ambitious school reform agendas and the introduction of innovative early childhood programs.

PV conducted a survey to collect parent input on new senior secondary reforms in Victoria, which aim to merge academic and vocational education under the VCE certificate. The aim was to know if these reforms have been clearly communicated, if they make sense to parents, and if they will benefit their children. PV has also been busy highlighting the success of Relationship-Based Education (RbE) exemplars, a philosophy of education that puts relationships at the centre - we have showcased various great stories in our monthly newsletters.

Many schools also used social media to engage with families and success stories, like Ocean Grove's community Movie Night and most recently, Monbulk College Parents and Friends Club wonderful Hilltop Music Festival, which was a collaboration between the parents and teachers. We are always keen to share success stories on the road ahead in State Education – **we have a lot to be proud of and to celebrate.**

Tooba Awais

President





CEO REPORT TO PV2023 AGM

It's a timely reminder to Parents Victoria (PV) members, supporters and conference delegates in keeping with our "State Education: the road ahead" conference theme that Victoria celebrated the 150th Anniversary of public education at the end of last school year (16/12/2022). It was a significant event to acknowledge the passing of the 1872 Education Act which made Victoria the first colony (and one of the first jurisdictions in the world) to offer free, secular and compulsory education to its children. Education Minister, Natalie Hutchins sealed five time-capsules to mark the occasion, these are to be re-opened in 50 years.

So much has evolved and changed in state education from then to now. In 1872 there were 483 schools and now there are more than **1566 government schools** and 724 non-government (catholic and independent) schools in Victoria. Student numbers as at February 2023 were 653,977 (government) and 378,204 (non-government) enrolled in the Victorian education system. [Source: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/departments/summarystatssnapshot.pdf](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/departments/summarystatssnapshot.pdf)

PV's vision is a fully supported Victorian public education system which meets the needs of every student - where parents' voices are sought, heard and valued. We want to ensure the educational journey for every student in a state government school is holistically supported and achieved in partnership with parents, schools and Government.

This is why at the PV2023 Conference we have brought parents and education stakeholder representatives together to hear parent voices. To converse, collaborate and construct what we all want to see happen for future Victorian government school communities.

An education system that was once free, secular and compulsory. Over time these principles have changed or are being challenged – are government schools affordable and accessible to all? **Cost of schooling** has now translated to parent payment policies that schools have been delegated to execute and enforce by their employer. Added to this, cost of school supplies and uniforms is another impact on family budgets. Schools are endeavouring to balance school budgets with many more competing and increased costs to maintain and improve school facilities, to have the required resources to deliver the curriculum and provide the needed student support services. **To do this more effectively the School Resource Standard (SRS) has to be 100% for government schools.** The SRS is the basis of the Commonwealth's recurrent funding arrangements. The Commonwealth funds at least 20 per cent of each government school's SRS and 80 per cent of each non-government school's SRS. **This has to be changed, we can't wait until 2029 for this to be fairer for government schools.**

There is public commentary that non-government school wait lists are growing, as access to enrol in government schools in some areas is so difficult with the designated and shrinking school zones. Even Domain real estate advertisements use the school zones as a marketing tool to reel in their target audience. Further, it's unhelpful to parent and principal relationships, when advertisements aired on radio - share a parent persistently calling the Principal at school about a future enrolment and the television advertisement showing the mother on an exercise bike next to principal, who is having time out at the gym! What the wider public are not all aware of, is that the Victorian Government has a new Respectful Behaviours in the School Community policy. If parents or carers overstep, the schools can impose communication plans on parents if they feel it's warranted and for school community members who are being threatening or violent in any way, they could be served a School Community Safety Order that could lead to exclusion from the school grounds or attendance to school activities.

Back in 1872, school was **compulsory** for students from 6 years of age to 15 years of age, today it is compulsory until a student turns 17 years old, unless they are granted exemption. At the beginning of the 2023 school year there was a lot of media coverage about the Senate inquiry into the national trend of school refusal (or *school can't* – as distinct from truancy). This inquiry attracted 170 submissions and the final report was published in August 2023. No shock or surprise but this inquiry revealed many contributing factors about why students can't, or refuse, to attend school.





CEO Report to PV2023 AGM (continued)

Parents, educators, academics, practitioners, support agencies and many others shared their insights and experiences on how the system was either not accommodating to the needs of these students; not making the required learning adjustments; seeking policy and practice changes; requiring teacher training and more support services; needing earlier intervention; needing flexibility of education delivery; lacking effective models of collaboration between education and health. PV was very pleased to see recommendation 10 (6.58) *The committee recommends that state and territory education authorities and the non-government school sector work together to develop and promote stable and ongoing resources to support effective family engagement. **This should include the provision of specialist family engagement support staff in schools.***

PV strives every year to deliver on our organisation's goals and objectives, so since our last Conference (online) on the 24th October until end of Term 3 2023, we have attended over **70** Department related meetings/reference groups and **53** with other organisations; dealt with **76** media requests and contributed to **35** submissions or official feedback requests on school education and wellbeing matters. That's a tremendous effort for a small not for profit organisation with 3 contracted staff members and a voluntary board.

The school-related and Parent Clubs (PCs) issues raised with PV via our Request for Support platform over this period have included – disciplinary/disability matters in relation to students with complex behaviour (suspensions); school attendance; school zoning and enrolment challenges and appeals; student wellbeing (bullying/cybersafety) ; cost of schooling; student assessment/reporting and PC formation/reformation assistance; relationship reparation between PC and Principal; PC code of conduct and PC operations (AGM's). What has been a recurring theme in the last quarter, is school enrolment to public schools, in and outside of designated zones. We anticipate this issue will come up at conference.

Our work with John Hendry OAM with his Relationship based Education (RbE), continues to get traction, even if it is by word of mouth, thanks to school leaders and communities out there who are reaping the benefits of RbE workshops - some completed and some underway. John says ***"Research indicates that the quality of the relationship between the parent and the school, and the school and the parent, enhances or inhibits the education of the student and is pivotal to the health, wellbeing, engagement and learning of the student – quality relationships matter!"***

PV awaits eagerly to hear the outcome of the next PV common funding agreement with the Victorian Government, to enable us to continue our support services to Victorian Government school families and the school system. You'll see from the above, we work incredibly hard to fulfil our funding work plan obligations while we influence and impact change in state education.

As the CEO I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank my work colleagues Leanne McCurdy, Operations Manager and Alan Davies, Communications Officer for their diligence, work ethic and commitment. To the PV Board -Tooba, Trish, Sharron, Raelene and Paul – heartfelt thanks for all you do to govern the organisation effectively.

I'm looking forward to hearing what roadworks are needed for State Education for the years ahead!

Gail McHardy

Chief Executive Officer





2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2023 calendar year sees Parents Victoria (PV) in the final year of our three-year Common Funding Agreement (CFA) with the Victorian Department of Education. Negotiations for the next Agreement are well underway.

As reported in the 2022 Treasurer's report, PV's work tasks are guided by our three-year CFA Accountability Work Plan core activities :- Parent Engagement; Responsive Complaints; Consultation and Advice.

PV continues to be versatile and responsive in order to support our Mission that the educational journey for every student in a state government school is holistically supported and achieved in partnership with parents, schools and Government.

Our 2023 End of Year report to the Department of Education will again be testament to the work and dedication of the Parents Victoria Board and Operations Team.

Comments to the Profit and Loss Statement

- **Contractor Payments.** Includes PV's three contracted operations staff.
- **Club Membership and Individual Membership.** As reported in 2022, PV's constitution no longer contains a requirement for a membership cost to join PV. Parent Clubs, schools and parents with a child at a Victorian government school can join PV. Friend of Parents Victoria membership remains an option.
- **Annual Conference.** PV's 2022 conference was again conducted online which results in a lower cost than presenting an in-person event. The decision to revert to a face-to-face event in 2023 will result in increased spending on this item, for the 2024 financial year.
- **ACSSO.** PV is the Victorian State Affiliate of the National organisation – Australian Council of State School Organisations. The 2022/2023 membership fee was again heavily subsidised by ACSSO.
- **Executive Leadership Weekend.** An important part of the PV calendar where the Board and Operations staff come together at the beginning of each calendar year to set plans and priorities for the year ahead. PV appreciates the generosity of our volunteer Board Members to allocate a full weekend to this task.
- **Projects RbE.** In 2023 PV demonstrated our commitment to the Relationship based Education (RbE) work, which PV does in partnership with John Hendry OAM. We hope to be able to increase our support for schools and communities to participate in RbE, in 2024.
- **Workcover.** 2023 saw an increase in premium and a back-payment of an amount following the "certification of remuneration" for the previous year.
- **Interest Received.** An increase in the bank interest rate was well received during 2023.

Trish Marks

Treasurer





ACSSO REPORT

The National School Reform Agreement (NSRA) consultations continue, with ACSSO gathering input from State & Territory School Organisations to identify common needs for improving student outcomes and which were included in the submission to the expert panel. A recent webinar explored the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, emphasizing the need for teacher professional development and responsible AI use by students. The 2023 Susan Ryan Family Engagement Award ceremony was held in Sydney on the 15th of September where the focus remained to be on improving educational opportunities and outcomes. It was great listening to the success stories of all the finalists.

The Expert Panel for the National School Reform Agreement Review has commenced meetings with stakeholders and invited parents, teachers, and students to participate in a national survey to help shape the future of school education in Australia. The survey covers various topics, including improving education outcomes, supporting student well-being, and providing classroom support for children with additional challenges. ACSSO is actively engaged in these discussions, advocating for the importance of family and community engagement in enhancing academic, social, and health outcomes for students.

ACSSO, in collaboration with Together for Humanity, is organising three free Family Engagement events in November, titled "Family Engagement in Schools: Enabling and Energizing." These events are open to all parents and caring guardians of school-aged children, as well as those preparing to begin their educational journey. The sessions will delve into the crucial role of family engagement in enhancing student success and well-being. Topics will include defining family engagement and its significance in promoting student success and breaking down barriers in schools. The events welcome parents, caregivers, and educators interested in understanding the benefits of family engagement.

Tooba Awais

PV Member Representative to ACSSO

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Website

The PV website had almost 32,000 page views in the 2022/23 financial year.

The most popular pages were:

Annual Conference

Newsletter

Relationship based Education

Contact us

Board and staff

Parents Voice (newsletter)

We published 11 issues of Parents Voice via email over the year.

Distribution numbers have been relatively stable at around 1,680 recipients for each newsletter.

The open rate appears to be around 36%. This figure is above the average open rate for similar organisations.

Popular topics in Parents Voice included:

Cost of schooling

Threat to school camps from unfunded teacher time-in-lieu changes

Vaping

State election issues

School refusal

Transitions and careers

Facebook

Our Facebook page has 1,800 page followers.

Among our most popular Facebook post topics for 2022/23 have been:

Relationship based Education: Ocean Grove Primary School case study

Congratulations to VCE students (whatever your results)

School camps survey

Mooroolbark College Year 7 Welcome BBQ

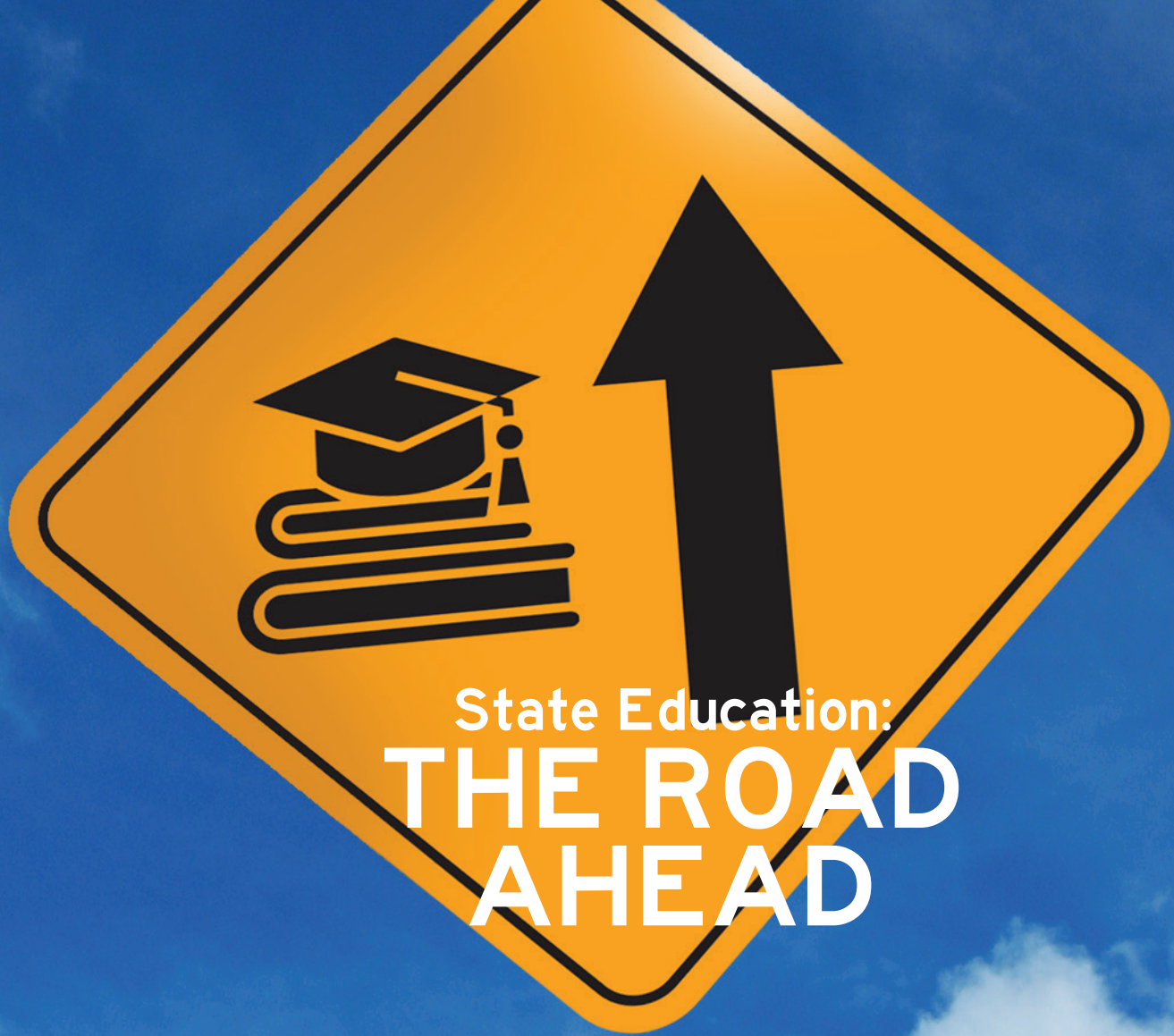
School funding

June issue of Parents Voice now available

Alan Davies

Communications Officer





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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Parents Victoria
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

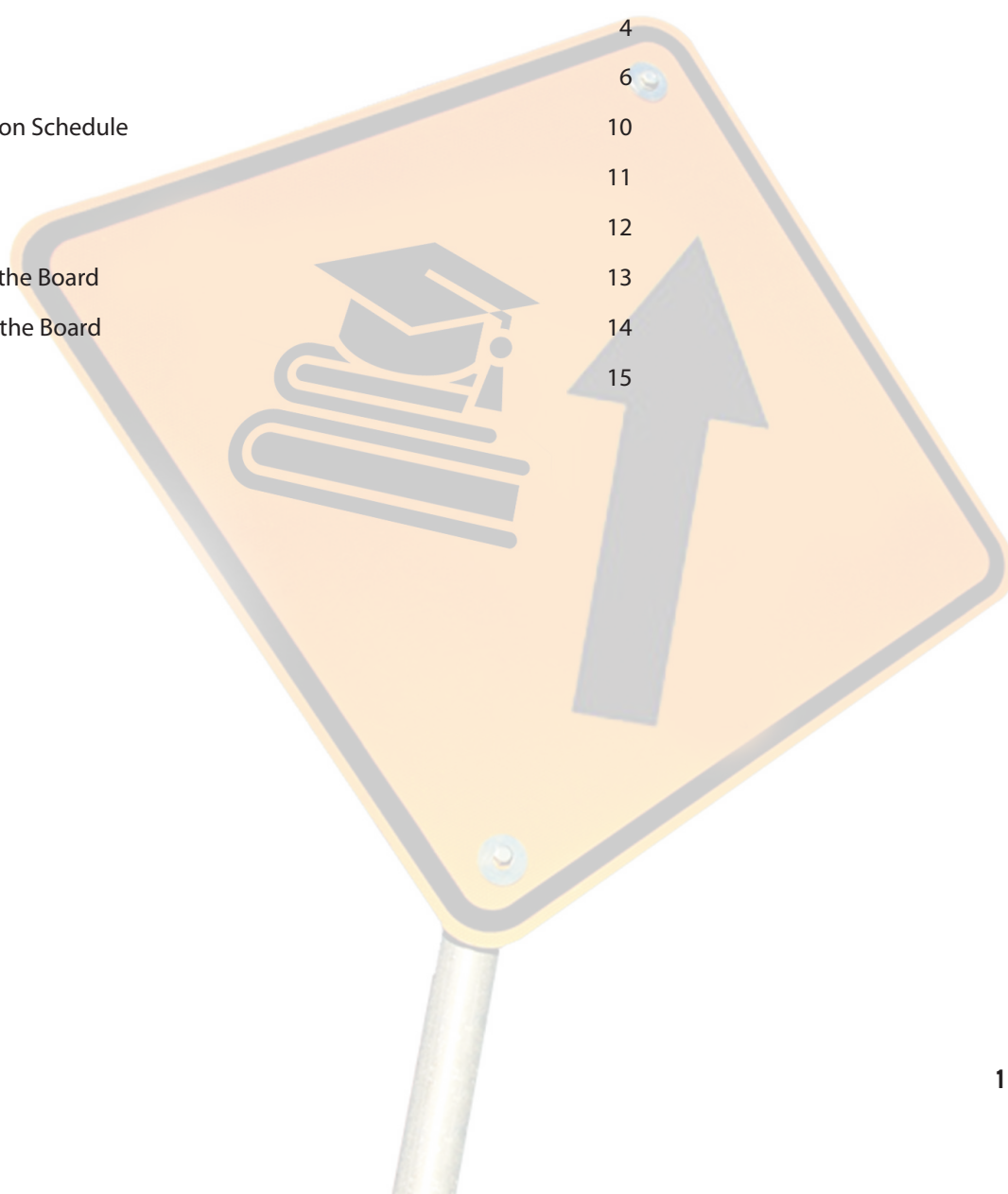




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Parents Victoria Balance Sheet As at 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Equity		
Retained Profits	373,861	368,417
Total Equity	<u>373,861</u>	<u>368,417</u>
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Rental Bond	3,240	3,240
Cash at Bank	248,492	252,114
Cash at Bank	153,332	152,044
	<u>405,064</u>	<u>407,398</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,725	6,725
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>6,725</u>	<u>6,368</u>
	-	357
Furniture & Fittings	1,073	1,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>1,066</u>	<u>851</u>
	7	222
	<u>7</u>	<u>579</u>
Total Assets	<u>405,071</u>	<u>407,977</u>
Current Liabilities		
Other Creditors	15,218	24,054
Provision for GST	<u>15,992</u>	<u>15,506</u>
	31,210	39,560
Total Liabilities	<u>31,210</u>	<u>39,560</u>
Net Assets	<u>373,861</u>	<u>368,417</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



**Parents Victoria
Statement of Changes in Equity
For Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Retained Earnings		
Profit Attributable to Members	5,444	(9,848)
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>5,444</u>	<u>(9,848)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Parents Victoria Profit and Loss Statement For Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income		
Service Agreement	305,625	305,625
Club Membership	-	123
Friends of Parents Victoria	73	91
Sponsorship	660	940
Rental Contribution	600	100
Interest Received	1,288	15
	308,246	306,894
Expenditure		
Accountancy Fees	1,380	1,344
ACSSO	6,129	3,144
Annual Conference	3,939	3,574
Bank Charges	50	62
Consultancy Fees	1,046	7,305
Contractor Payments	215,206	222,606
Depreciation	572	2,000
Executive - Travel	577	1,614
Executive - Other Expenses	505	1,196
Executive - Leadership Weekend	2,247	1,493
Executive - PD/Training	118	-
Hospitality	781	-
Insurance	1,523	1,501
Internet Expenses	733	413
Light & Power	674	650
Photocopying	114	62
Postage	149	193
Printing & Stationery	659	538
Projects - Website	-	4,503
Projects - Parent Workshops	-	3,394
Projects - RbE	2,158	570
Promotions	350	408
Publications	570	540
Rent	31,585	31,421
Repairs & Maintenance	-	214
Subscriptions	4,390	3,599
Sundry Expenses	2	80
Superannuation Contributions	22,697	22,184
Telephone	625	600
Website	895	16
Workcover	3,128	1,518
	302,802	316,742

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**Parents Victoria
Profit and Loss Statement
For Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Profit before Income Tax	5,444	(9,848)



Parents Victoria Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended 30 June 2023

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (*) *. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or committees' valuation. All assets excluding freehold land, are depreciated over their useful lives to the association.

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Sale of Goods

Revenue is recognised on transfer of goods to the customer as this is deemed to be the point in time when risks and rewards are transferred and there is no longer any ownership or effective control over the goods.



Parents Victoria Notes to the Financial Statements For Year Ended 30 June 2023

Interest Revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Rendering of Services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Subscriptions

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight line basis over the financial year.

(f) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.



Parents Victoria
Notes to the Financial Statements
For Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
2. Profit		
Expenses		
Employee Benefits Expense	22,697	22,184
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	572	2,000
Annual Conference	3,939	3,574
Bank Charges	50	62
Insurance	1,523	1,501
Light & Power	674	650
Postage	149	193
Printing & Stationery	659	538
Rent	31,585	31,421
Repairs & Maintenance	-	214
Telephone	625	600
Other Expenses	240,329	253,805
	<u>302,802</u>	<u>316,742</u>
3. Profit for the Year		
Profit before income tax expense from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
Charging as Expense		
Movements in Provisions		
Depreciation		
- Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	572	2,000
Net Expenses Resulting from Movement in Provisions	<u>572</u>	<u>2,000</u>
4. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Rental Bond	3,240	3,240
Cash at Bank	248,492	252,114
Cash at Bank	153,332	152,044
	<u>405,064</u>	<u>407,398</u>

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Parents Victoria
Notes to the Financial Statements
For Year Ended 30 June 2023

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	405,064	407,398
	<u>405,064</u>	<u>407,398</u>
5. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment		
Office Furniture & Equipment	6,725	6,725
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>6,725</u>	<u>6,368</u>
	-	357
Furniture & Fittings	1,073	1,073
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	<u>1,066</u>	<u>851</u>
	7	222
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>7</u>	<u>579</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>7</u>	<u>579</u>
6. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Other Creditors	15,218	24,054
Provision for GST	<u>15,992</u>	<u>15,506</u>
	31,210	39,560
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u>31,210</u>	<u>39,560</u>



Parents Victoria Fixed Asset and Depreciation schedule For Year Ended 30 June 2023

Asset	Private Use	Cost Price	Cost Limit	Opening W.D.V 1/07/2022	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Gains	---- Depreciation ---- Rate	\$	Accum Deprec 30/06/2023	Closing W.D.V 30/06/2023
OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT											
HP Probook		4,432						40.0%PC	0	4,432	0
HP Probook		2,293		357				40.0%PC	357	2,293	0
Sub-total		6,725		357					357	6,725	0
FURNITURE & FITTINGS											
Beds		1,073		222				20.0%PC	215	1,066	7
Sub-total		1,073		222					215	1,066	7
Total		7,798		579					572	7,791	7



**Parents Victoria
Statement of Cash Flows
For Year Ended 30 June 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers		328,353	328,351
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(331,974)	(330,049)
Interest Received		1,288	15
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities		<u>(2,333)</u>	<u>(1,683)</u>
Net Increase in Cash Held		<u>(2,333)</u>	<u>(1,683)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2022		407,397	409,080
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2023		<u><u>405,064</u></u>	<u><u>407,397</u></u>

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Parents Victoria Board Report

The board members present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Board Members

The names of each person who has been a board member during the year and to the date of this report are:

- Tooba Awais
- Sharron Healy
- Trish Marks
- Paul Fry
- Raelene Vine

Principle Activities

The principle activities of the association during the financial year were:

- Supporting students and families who attend Victorian Government Schools
- Providing parents' voice in Government school education

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the association's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result

The profit of the association amounted to \$5,444.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board

Tooba Awais

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Tooba Awais

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Trish Marks

Dated: October 2, 2023



Parents Victoria Certificate by Members of the Board

We Tooba Awais and Trish Marks being members of the board of Parents Victoria, certify that:

- a) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on October 24, 2022.
- b) The annual financial statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending in June 30, 2023.

Tooba Awais

..... (Tooba Awais)

Board Member

October 2, 2023

..... (Trish Marks)

Board Member

October 2, 2023



Parents Victoria Statement by Members of the Board

The board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the board the financial statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Parents Victoria as at 30 June 2023 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Parents Victoria will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the board and is signed for and on behalf of the board by:

Tooba Awais

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President: Tooba Awais

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Treasurer: Trish Marks

Dated: October 2, 2023



Parents Victoria Compilation Report To Parents Victoria

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Parents Victoria, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit and loss, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in Note 1.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The Committee of Management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee of Management and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee of Management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the Committee of Management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

Hughes O'Dea Corredig Pty Ltd

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Michelle Grech
25 September 2023

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To Parents Victoria Inc.

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Report on the Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Parents Victoria Inc., which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023 and the Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Management's Responsibility for the 2023 Financial Statements

Management of the association are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. This responsibility includes: establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 2023 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the 2023 financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2400, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements are not presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. ASRE 2400 requires us to comply with the requirements of the applicable code of professional conduct of a professional accounting body.

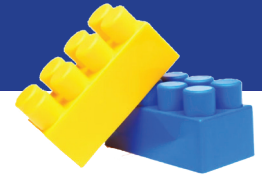
A review of the 2023 financial statements consisted of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position of Parents Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2023.

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Dated 25 September 2023





(Notes as taken by Parents Victoria)

Parents Victoria (PV) Immediate Past President, Sharron Healy welcomed conference attendees and thanked John Hendry OAM and Kristin Reimer, Monash University for agreeing to speak earlier in the program than was planned. PV had been advised that The Minister was delayed "due to her need to attend an event with the Premier but is looking forward to talking to Parents Victoria about the important role it and its members play in making Victoria the Education State."

The What. Relationship based Education. John Hendry OAM

PV's journey with John began on this date in 2017, when John was Keynote speaker at our Relationships Matter conference - at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park.

John informed:

- We are all parents in one way or another
- Teachers give their lives to children and others, with great generosity – thank you
- Learning is a relational exercise – get it right and we can go anywhere
- A relationship has 5 elements. Refer the RbE introduction booklet
<https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/issues/rbe-the-book/> (See Page 6)
- Schools are relational factories – we need to be able to trust them.
- We must work to get the relationships right. Parents working with schools. Schools working with parents
- When working with children – be assured – they "get it" very quickly
- The determining element of health and wellbeing is relationships.

Visit the PV website RbE Platform - https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/issues_category/relationship-based-education/

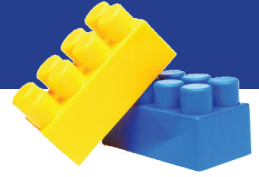
The Why. What teachers need to know and how RbE can help. Kristin Reimer, PhD. Senior Lecturer, Restorative Justice and Relational Pedagogies, Faculty of Education, Monash University

Kristin informed:

- Three things which come out of her research, teaching and personal experience: –
 - > Education is relational – a social practice. There is a need to centre it
 - > We are not in this for the short term – there is a long term view and need
 - > Education has the potential to be transformative. Through the centering of relationships.
- Education is primarily about humans in relation with one another. "Meeting and learning are inseparable from one another" (Bingham & Sidorkin, 2004, p.5)
- Restorative Practice (RP). Is a framework educators can use to create safe, supportive spaces in schools and to help students learn how to act and relate. RP is about building, maintaining and repairing relationships (Richard Hendry). Building this in families and between families and schools is important.
- The dual purpose of education is to – Help people to live well and to Help create a world worth living in for all (Kemmis et al. (2014). How else do you live well and create a world worth living in for all – without relationships?
- Education is transformational. We need to centre relationships.

View the conference video at this link <https://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/kristin-reimer-conference-2022/>

Minister for Education, Natalie Hutchins (joined the online conference here)



The Minister announced \$1.6 billion of extra funding for school improvements, which included \$19M commitment around teacher recruitment and packages to attract teachers who have left the system.

The Minister acknowledged:

- Floods across Victorian which are affecting schools and communities
- PV's work around wellbeing of students. In a short time the Minister has visited 60 schools and can see the difference where parents are engaged in the school. It's apparent. Especially at secondary school level
- Keenness to support and look at ways parents and schools can work best together. Making sure parents feel comfortable and know how to connect and engage with their school. Parents are committed and many want to be more engaged.
- Thanks for PV's commitment to Family Engagement and for being forthright in putting parent views forward. Encouraging the foundations of RR in schools and to share this work with parents is important. Political colleagues would benefit from the type of RbE work done at Ocean Grove Primary School and Prahran High School (see school case study links in the below sessions). Learning works best when there is a true partnership between home and school.

The How. Schools who are implementing RbE. Why they chose RbE; the process for their school; the impacts and outcomes so far.

Ocean Grove Primary School (OGPS) – Principal Scott McCumber. Mental Health & Wellbeing Coordinator, Andy McNeilly, Parent guest Alex. Some insights:-

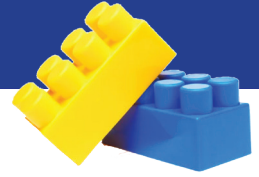
- OGPS representatives feel that RbE sits at the top and RR sits at the side
- Relationships are key and putting time into them will help down the track
- Classrooms run on trust and choice. RbE is genuine, human and real – utilising the 5 elements framework to have tricky conversations with students. It's a common language to work together with staff and students.
- RbE is a big tick and OGPS is a big supporter of other schools taking up an opportunity to embark on RbE
- View RbE Making it happen - Ocean Grove Primary School Case Study information here

Prahran High School – Principal Nathan Chisholm. Assistant Principal Shannan Roberts. Parent Guest Larissa. Some insights:-

- In secondary schools teenagers are wired to challenge. There is a place for consequences - a blunt approach might change things short term, but not for the long term. RbE is important. Relationships are what gets it all together.
- John's RbE framework has helped. Developing relationships and what they should look like resonates for students, parents and teachers.
- Parent Larissa shared it's great to connect (with her student) via this RbE platform.

View RbE Making it Happen – Prahran High School Case Study information here

Conference lunch was followed by a Q&A on-the-couch discussion between conference delegates and conference speakers.



Parents Victoria AGM

Formal Apologies: Stephen Fraser Deputy Secretary DE; David Howes Deputy Secretary DE; Mark McLay, CEO Country Education Partnership

Life Member in attendance : Elaine Crowle

Motion that the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be accepted

Moved: Paul Fry, Lowanna College

Seconded: Maryanne Gec, Taylors Lakes Secondary College

All in favour

Motion that Reports as circulated prior to the meeting be accepted.

The Reports were – Immediate Past President; Chief Executive Officer; Treasurer; ACSSO Member Representative

Moved: Trish Marks, Treasurer, Parents Victoria

Seconded: Raelene Vine, Ouyen P-12 College

All in favour

Appointment of Auditor for 2022/2023

Under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Parents Victoria is a Tier 2 organisation (annual revenue between \$250,000 and \$1million) and is obliged to have our financial records reviewed by an independent accountant.

The Board recommended that Hughes O'Dea Corredig Pty Ltd be engaged to review the PV 2022/2023 financial records.

Moved: Paul Fry, Lowanna College

Seconded: Trish Marks, Treasurer, Parents Victoria

All in favour

Nominations to the Board and Election of Office Bearers 2022/2023

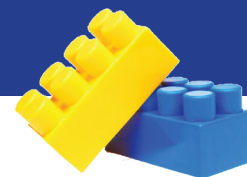
Sharron Healy thanked outgoing Board Members for their support and declared all Board positions vacant.

Gail McHardy, PV CEO declared that Immediate Past President Sharron Healy accepted to continue in the role.

Renomination of 2021/2022 Board Members were received from Tooba Awais, Paul Fry, Trish Marks and Raelene Vine.

Office bearers to be elected at the first meeting of the PV Board following the AGM (November 9).

Gail McHardy reminded that the PV Board can appoint new Board members throughout the year and eligible individuals can also nominate to the PV Board in the elected category, throughout the year.



Life Membership

No Life Memberships were conferred

Joan Kirner Award 2022

No Joan Kirner Award was conferred in 2022 - in acknowledgement that school communities have struggled with workforce challenges and the restart for Parent Clubs and parents in 2022 has not been easy.

PV was pleased to advise that ACSSO (the National parent organisation) will be holding their inaugural national Susan Ryan Award which some Victorian schools have nominated for.

Special Action Item

"The PV Board has discussed and would like to raise that in recent years, and raised frequently in 2022, parents have reported and sought assistance from PV, to have a fully constituted Parent Club (in accordance with the Department of Education Secretary, Model Constitution) but have faced challenges from their school leaders.

As a result, PV calls upon the Department of Education Victoria to add or strengthen the relevant wording in the DE policy (PAL) under Parent Clubs, with regard to Principals not being able to discourage or reject a club forming or being fully constituted."

PV is pleased to report that this Special Action Item has been successfully actioned in 2023 and the relevant updated DE policy wording now includes that "Principals and other school staff must not discourage parents from forming a parent club."

Sharron Healy thanked PV Board Members and Operations staff for their work during the year and also thanked conference delegates for attending.

Conference was closed at 1.00pm

For additional insights to Parents Victoria's 2022 Conference sessions content – visit this link on the PV website.



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